



# **National Finance Center Customer Notification**

**Date of Notification: March 26, 2010**

**Subject: *EmpowHR* QA/ UAT Environments**

**Database/Customer(s) Affected: All EmpowHR Customers**

**Dear Customer:**

The NITC is planning to restore normal power to the George Washington Carver Center (GWCC) facility this weekend. The QA/UAT Environment for EmpowHR will not be available beginning Friday, March 26, 2010, at 5:30 pm ET, 4:30 pm CT through Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Noon ET, 11:00 am CT.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact the EmpowHR Help Desk at 1-888-367-6955 or [nfc.empowHR@usda.gov](mailto:nfc.empowHR@usda.gov).

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### **“Tip of the Week”**

The 2010 Medicare rate remains 1.45 percent. The 1.45 percent Medicare portion of FICA does not have a maximum annual earnings or a maximum amount paid by the employee. All earnings subject to Medicare withholdings will be subject to the 1.45 percent rate.